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"Refined Fire"

Bible Study Notes

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Refined Fire

Through the midst of storms, trials, and tribulations; stay faithful and steadfast. It's the fire that refines you and through His holy spirit that purifies you.

Keeping Faith

Mark 4:35-41

³⁷ “And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.
³⁸ But He was already stern, sleep on a pillow, and they awoke him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?’
³⁹ then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “peace, be still!” and the wind ceased and there was a great calm”

- Often, in our walk and in life it may seem like we are literally out in the boat, in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by rushing waters and wild winds, while our Master is “sleeping.”.

The beauty of God is that while we are still in our fires, our trials and storms Jesus is not sleeping, He is watching. He is watching us, and waiting for us on the other side of our storm. He is the Teacher during the test. Watching and observing His stewards. He knows all the answers, but for this particular moment, you are testing.

In Vs. 40 Jesus, replies to the disciples asking them why are they so fearful and why don't they have faith?

- Truth be told, the disciples knew God was there all along, but they allowed what they were faced with to prevent them from seeing the authority and God's hand, over their life and situation. They lost faith in the Savior.



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Sis, remain encouraged and keep your faith, God specifically placed you in your situation to build in your faith in Him. A faith that will never get rocked nor shaken, not even when the wildest winds come rushing and flooding in. He is Refining you. *James 1:3-4*

Purification:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” Psalms 51:10

When we pray this prayer, God honors it. He desires for us to have a clean heart and to be renewed and steadfast in Him. So, we must be purified.

- This purification process is literally us being purified and cleansed inside out.
- *“create in me a clean heart”* – For our hearts to be ‘clean,’ everything that is in us that is not of Him, and, a hindrance to our walk and future, will come out during the purification process.

Everything that God is revealing, to you, about you, acknowledge it and submit it to Him. He wants it. *Isaiah 61:3*

He desires us to be whole before Him. But we also desire to become one and whole in Him. It’s a continual process. Our growth in the Lord will forever increase until the day of His coming. As it should be. Just like we learn something new every day, we growth in Christ happens daily.

So, when you are being faced with *“life”* hold on, embrace, face it and give it to God, He wants it. *He’ll give you beauty for ashes.*

Sanctification:

“...Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable sacrifice.” Romans 12:1

Daniel 3:1-6 & 16-25

1. Vs. 1-6



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- The three Hebrew boys; Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego was faced with life decisions, they were hard pressed between keeping faith in God or bowing down to worship other foreign gods, that were declared by the king, Nebuchadnezzar.
- Bowing down to king Nebuchadnezzar’s god was a decree an order that was told throughout the country.
- Anyone who refused to bow down to his foreign god was to be cast immediately into fiery furnace

So, to relate this to modern day, let’s say that the kings’ god was the “norm and conformity or principalities” of this world. And you are the three Hebrew boys. – So often we are faced with so many life decisions and battles that preset itself before us, where we are to choose 1. The ways of this world or 2. Cling onto Jesus and have faith in Him, like never before. This is what the three Hebrew boys were faced with, to 1. Bow down and worship a god who has no saving power (fear, grief, hate, backbiting, etc.) or 2. Put their faith in God, the only giver and taker of life and go through the fire.

2. Vs. 16-25

- Despite being faced with hard and trying decision as to 1. Worship foreign gods or 2. Having faith in God and going through the fire, the three Hebrew boys choose to risk their life and go through the fire. They knew that their faith and fate was in God and in Him alone. They relied on His will and not on the threat and fear that was presented before them
- They went through the fire, but as we see in vs. 25, they did not come out of the fire alone. They had Jesus with them. It was by their faith that they could be renewed and refined and walk out of the fire with Jesus. *“They overcame {the fire} by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to death.”* Rev. 12:11

It was this defining moment that, they had to choose between life or death; to worship foreign gods and die or to put their trust in God and walk through the fire and live. We are faced with so many decisions and test. These test that we go through can seem so frustrating because we so desperately want to hear from the mouth of God and have Him direct us and lead us. But it seems as if He is distant and not speaking. But during a test, a teacher does not speak, they watch and listen. They have faith in not only you, but in their teaching, that you will pass your assignment. That the same thing is with God, He knows that everything you need to pass every life test is inside of you. He gave you His spirit, His might, and His ability to pass every test and obstacle that is before you. So, this fire you are in, don’t worry, press into God, seek His face and cling onto Him like never before. For when you come out, you will be sanctified, your mind will be renewed and your faith strengthened in Christ Jesus.



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Remain blessed and steadfast in the Lord.

He is our creator and way maker. Everything you need is inside of you.

When He yielded His spirit, He yielded it onto you!

Hold on, press forth

He's got you!